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U.S. Chamber Presents Rep. Jay Inslee with 'Spirit of Enterprise' Award

Inslee Backed Business on Key Congressional Votes, Chamber Says

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation, today presented Rep. Jay Inslee (D-WA-1) with its 2000 "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for his strong support for its pro-business legislative agenda in the second session of the 106th Congress.

"Last year, Jay Inslee time and again supported legislation to create and improve jobs, increase productivity and spur economic growth, all vital ingredients for a healthy American business community and workforce," said Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber president and CEO. "Inslee was a true leader in helping to build a favorable climate for business and the U.S. economy."

The Chamber awards the "Spirit of Enterprise" based on rankings it gives members of Congress for key business votes, set out in its annual publication, *How They Voted*. Votes included in the rankings are Chamber-designated "key votes," recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber's board of directors on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote.

Members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at least 70 percent of key votes receive the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award. For the second session of the 106th Congress, the Chamber designated 15 Senate votes and 21 House votes as key votes.

Rep. Inslee earned a 71 percent score with the Chamber last year and has compiled a 57 percent cumulative ranking during his tenure in Congress. Key 2000 votes included granting permanent normal trade relations to China, repealing the estate tax and rejecting the Clinton administration's costly new government procurement, or "blacklisting," rule.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For a complete list of key votes and ratings for individual members of Congress, visit the Chamber's Web site at www.uschamber.com.